

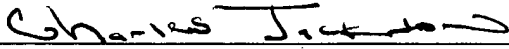
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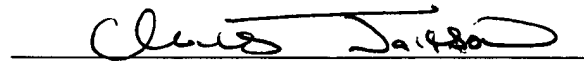
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2. U.S. Patent No. 447,712 dated May 25, 1936;

3. U.S. Patent No. 3,915,302 dated October 28, 1975;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,502,599 dated March 5, 1985;
5. U.S. Patent No. 2,715,493 dated August 16, 1955;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,422,119 dated June 6, 1995;
7. German Patent No. DE 42 23 004 A1 dated January 20, 1994;
8. German Patent No. DE 44 40 727 A1 dated May 23, 1996;
9. German Patent No. 1,683,678 dated August 27, 1954;
10. German Patent No. 1,823,247 dated December 8, 1960;
11. German Patent No. 1,027,844 dated April 10, 1958;
12. German Patent No. 88 11648.4 dated December 22, 1988
13. French Patent No. 2,180,313 dated November 23, 1973;
14. French Patent No. 2,629,797 dated October 13, 1989;
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19. German Patent No. 16 83 678 U1 dated August 27, 1954;
20. German Patent No. 44 40 727 dated May 23, 1996;
21. German Patent No. 10 27 844 dated September 25, 1958;
22. United Kingdom Patent No. 447 712 dated May 25, 1936
23. United Kingdom Patent No. 15 74 347 date September 3, 1980.

REMARKS

As these publications were cited during the prosecution of the parent application, copies of these publications are not enclosed. Should one or more copies of these publications not be available to the Examiner, it is requested that he or she contacts the undersigned and replacement copies will be provided.


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